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1. IN THE ABSENCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND IN THE LIGHT OF CONTINUED ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES BY THE GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED IRAQI PRESS, IT IS OUR JUDGMENT THAT A DIRECT APPROACH TO THE GOI ON THE SUBJECT OF THE OUTSTANDING CLAIM FOR THE U.S. EMBASSY COMPOUND WOULD AT THIS TIME HAVE LITTLE CHANCE TO SUCCEED. ON THE OTHER HAND, COMMERCIAL TIES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND IRAQ ARE EXPANDING, AND AT SOME POINT THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ WILL PROBABLY MOVE TOWARDS A RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE USG. WE HAVE PUBLICLY STATED THAT WE ARE READY TO RESUME WHENEVER THEY ARE. WHEN RELATIONS ARE RESUMED WE RECOMMEND THAT THE USG CLAIM BE RAISED ALONG WITH OTHER ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE DISCUSSED IN THE CONTEXT OF IMPROVING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

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